



Aviation Investigation Final Report

Location:	HUNTSVILLE, Texas	Accident Number:	FTW82DA288
Date & Time:	July 19, 1982, 17:00 Local	Registration:	N5421P
Aircraft:	CESSNA 152	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Defining Event:		Injuries:	1 None
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General aviation - Instructional		

Analysis

THE STUDENT STATED THAT ON HER FOURTH LANDING OF THE DAY, SHE FELT SHE WAS TOO FAR DOWN THE RUNWAY AND TOO HIGH TO MAKE A GOOD LANDING, SO SHE "PUT IN FLAPS AND POWER AND WAS GOING TO MAKE A GO-AROUND." REPORTEDLY, THE AIRCRAFT LANDED, SHE LOST DIRECTIONAL CONTROL AND THE PLANE CROSSED A PARALLEL TAXIWAY. THE PILOT REPORTED THAT SHE SAW TREES (BRUSH) ON THE SIDE OF THE TAXIWAY AND TRIED TO PULL UP, BUT THERE WAS NOT ENOUGH ROOM AND THE AIRCRAFT LANDED IN TREES. ALSO, SHE STATED THAT SHE DID NOT FULLY UNDERSTAND ALL PROCEDURES INVOLVED IN THE GO-AROUND.

Probable Cause and Findings

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be:

Findings

Occurrence #1: LOSS OF CONTROL - ON GROUND/WATER
Phase of Operation: LANDING - FLARE/TOUCHDOWN

Findings

1. DISTANCE - MISJUDGED - PILOT IN COMMAND
2. AIRSPEED - MISJUDGED - PILOT IN COMMAND
3. GO-AROUND - INITIATED - PILOT IN COMMAND
4. (C) GO-AROUND - NOT UNDERSTOOD - PILOT IN COMMAND

- 5. (C) LACK OF FAMILIARITY WITH AIRCRAFT - PILOT IN COMMAND
- 6. (C) DIRECTIONAL CONTROL - NOT MAINTAINED - PILOT IN COMMAND

Occurrence #2: IN FLIGHT COLLISION WITH TERRAIN/WATER
Phase of Operation: LANDING

Findings

- 7. (F) TERRAIN CONDITION - HIGH VEGETATION

Factual Information

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Student	Age:	28,Female
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine land	Seat Occupied:	Unknown
Other Aircraft Rating(s):		Restraint Used:	
Instrument Rating(s):	None	Second Pilot Present:	No
Instructor Rating(s):	None	Toxicology Performed:	No
Medical Certification:	Class 3 Valid Medical--w/ waivers/lim	Last FAA Medical Exam:	July 8, 1982
Occupational Pilot:	UNK	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:	10 hours (Total, all aircraft), 10 hours (Total, this make and model), 1 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 10 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 1 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	CESSNA	Registration:	N5421P
Model/Series:	152 152	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:		Serial Number:	15284943
Landing Gear Type:	Tricycle	Seats:	2
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	Unknown	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	1670 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:	97 Hrs	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:	597 Hrs	Engine Manufacturer:	LYCOMING
ELT:	Installed	Engine Model/Series:	O-235-L2C
Registered Owner:	HUNTSVILLE AVIATION INC.	Rated Power:	110 Horsepower
Operator:	HUNTSVILLE AVIATION INC.	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	
Operator Does Business As:		Operator Designator Code:	

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual (VMC)	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:		Distance from Accident Site:	
Observation Time:		Direction from Accident Site:	
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Clear	Visibility	10 miles
Lowest Ceiling:	Unknown	Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	/	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	180°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:		Temperature/Dew Point:	
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipitation		
Departure Point:	HUNTSVILLE , TX (T39)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:	HUNTSVILLE , TX (T39)	Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	00:00 Local	Type of Airspace:	

Airport Information

Airport:	HUNTSVILLE MUNI T39	Runway Surface Type:	Asphalt
Airport Elevation:	0 ft msl	Runway Surface Condition:	Dry
Runway Used:	18	IFR Approach:	
Runway Length/Width:	5000 ft / 0 ft	VFR Approach/Landing:	Traffic pattern

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 None	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:		Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	1 None	Latitude, Longitude:	30.709529,-95.53955(est)

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):

Additional Participating Persons:

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Investigation Class: [Class](#)

Note:

Investigation Docket: <https://data.nts.gov/Docket?ProjectID=71128>

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